

The Saskatchewan Rebellion

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Mountie Sc #29 & SC #32, Thomas Quinn,
Colonel Arthur Williams

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Bad Arrow, Edward Blake

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DARKNESS
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SC #1

BUFFALO GRAZING

IN ANOTHER PAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

GABRIEL AND ISIDORE DUMONT ENTER

Isidore See Gabriel.....Buffalo.

Dumont Jesus is a half-breed.
 You actually found one.
 Isidore, you are on your way to becoming a man.
 Look at him.....A big bull.
 He is lip smacking good.
 I remember when this Plain was full of
 Buffalo, as far as the eye can see.

Isidore But not any more.

Dumont No, not any more. But tonight, we'll eat.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PAYING AREA Sc #2
SFX: THUNDERING HERD OF BUFFALO
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE BUFFALO HUNT

STAMPEDING BUFFALO ENTERS
DUMONT HOLDING KNIFE ENTERS
DUMONT STABS THE BUFFALO
THE BUFFALO FALLS TO THE GROUND
DUMONT HOLDS UP HIS KNIFE

Dumont The tongue is mine.

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #3
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD ENTERS HOLDING A MAP OF ONTARIO

Macdonald I am Sir John A. Macdonald, Prime Minister of
 Canada. Known as the " Great Am I".

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SMITH ENTERS HOLDING A PIECE OF PAPER

Smith I am Donald Smith.
 I own the Hudson Bay Company, The Canadian
 Pacific Railroad and the Bank of Montreal is my
 personal piggy bank.
 Who doesn't understand what that means.

Macdonald In this country, in order to become master
 of the better sort of people you have to become
 a slave to the worst.
 The nature of politics.
 The CPR began as a creature of the Canadian
 Government but now the Canadian Government
 is a creature of the CPR

MACDONALD STEPS FORWARD

Macdonald Mister Smith, the population of Ontario has
 increased and I have to add four seats.

Smith Good. I have four candidates in my pocket,
 solid Company Men. But three of them just got out
 of jail and the other one couldn't win an election
 paying whores in a whore house.

MACDONALD HOLDS UP MAP OF ONTARIO

Macdonald Not to worry. It is the government's prerogative to draw the electoral boundaries.
This riding here.....I'll shape it like this.
That way I'll hive the Grits, and turn this one area into two Tory ridings.

Smith Good.

Macdonald And then this one...

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #4
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

LOUIS RIEL ENTERS HOLDING A WATERING CAN

Riel Every little breeze seems to whisper Louis.
Oh the little things of life are truly great.
I live a quiet life with my beautiful wife.
Teaching the little babies the alphabet,
so they can read the gospel.
Oh these Prairie flowers, trying to look as beautiful as they can.
You can call me Uncle Louis.
But you Mister Weed can call me Monsieur Riel.
No water for you.
Every little breeze seems to whisper Louis.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PAYING AREA Sc #5
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE METIS BUFFALO HUNTERS CAMP
ALEXANDRE LEPINE ENTERS SMOKING HIS PIPE
MARIE MAKES PEMMICAN AND CHANTS THE PEMMICAN SONG

Marie Making pemmican for my man,
My pemmican is better than,
All the pemmican in the land
Pemmican pemmican made by hand.

DUMONT ENTERS

Dumont Hey Lepine.

Lepine Call me Alexandre

Dumont Never.
You know what happened to me last winter.

Lepine No.

Dumont I was chased by mad Indians.
They cut my bum bad with knife.
But I run fast and hard,
and I starve all the time.
But then I see tracks in the snow of a wolf.
And I follow, and then I see the body of a half-
eaten deer trapped in the ice, and I eat.
Me, Gabriel Dumont, I eat.

ISIDORE DUMONT ENTERS WITH A BOUQUET OF DANDELIONS

Dumont Hey look who it is.
My little brother, Isidore,
come to visit his bride to be, Sweet Marie.

ISIDORE GIVES THE BOUQUET OF DANDELIONS TO MARIE

Marie Oh, you're nice.

MARIE HOLDS UP HER JAR OF HONEY

Marie Look. Something sweet..... for the sweet.

Isidore Oh Marie, how nice.

ISIDORE GIVES MARIE THE JAR OF HONEY

Lepine You think he's man enough for her.

GABRIEL NODS HIS HEAD
NOISES OFFSTAGE

Isidore Hey, Gabriel, the Wolfers and Whiskey Traders
are here.

Dumont You be careful.
They're bad guys.

Isidore I can handle them.

WOLFER AND WHISKEY TRADER ENTER

Wolfer Evening friend.

WhiskTrad How ya doing.

Wolfer Hello pretty woman.

WhiskTrad We want to trade firewater for pemmican.

Dumont Not here friend.

Wolfer What's that you got there.
Is that your honey.

WhiskTrad Gives us fifty pounds of pemmican
and We'll give you a gallon of whoop-up juice.

Dumont Not here friend.

Wolfer Can I put my finger in it.

WOLFER PUTS HIS FINGER IN THE HONEY JAR
AND THEN INTO HIS MOUTH

Wolfer Oh that's sweet.

WhiskTrad You boys look like you could use a drink.

WOLFER LOOKS AT ISIDORE

Wolfer What are you looking at boy.

Dumont Who you calling boy.

Wolfer Not you, that's for sure.

Dumont Keep going..... that way.
You're not wanted here.
And don't poison any dead buffalo.

Wolfer That's how we catch our wolves.

Dumont And its how you kill our dogs.

WhiskTrad Lets go. Good bye friend.

Wolfer She sure is pretty.

Whisk Trad Sure is.

WOLFER AND WHISKEY TRADER EXIT

Dumont Hey Isidore. You be careful.
They're a real pair.....a real pair.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PAYING AREA Sc #5A
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel And God touched my mouth with his hand
 and said "I have put my words in your mouth.
 Now Speak, you are my prophet".

O lord, thou art my God and I will exalt thee.
 Woe unto them that call evil good,
 and good evil;
 that change darkness into light,
 and light into darkness;
 that change bitter into sweet,
 and sweet into bitter.
 And so it shall be,
 as with the people, so with the priest;
 as with the maid, so with the mistress.
 as with the servant, so with the master.

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PAYING AREA Sc #5B
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BIG BEAR ENTERS

Big Bear I am Big Bear.
 Leader of the Cree People
 When the Great Spirit made the land
 he made us too.
 We are the Original People.
 We believe that all bears speak truth and that
 includes me too.

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PAYING AREA Sc #6
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND SMITH ENTER
MACDONALD DRINKS FROM A BOTTLE

Smith Now John A, the land in the Northwest.
 Its covered in Indians and Metis. Its no use to us.

Macdonald We'll give the Metis title to their land by issuing
 scrip and then you'll buy it back for pennies.

Smith Aye. But what about the Indians?
 You're not thinking of giving them money.

Macdonald No, they'd just drink it.

Smith Then what are you thinking about.

COLONEL CROZIER ENTERS

Crozier Colonel Crozier of the NorthWest Mounted Police
 reporting.

Macdonald Colonel Crozier, I command you to extinguish the
 native claims to their land, by any means, starve
 them into submission. Tell them Queen Victoria is
 eating all the buffalo and if they sign
 the treaty she will stop eating them.

Crozier Thy will be done.

Macdonald Smith, do you drink?

Smith Like a Smith.

Macdonald This way.

MACDONALD AND SMITH EXIT

Crozier Don't tell anyone this.
 But I suffer from "prairie madness".
 Wide open spaces make me go berserk.
 They're sending me to Saskatchewan.

CROZIER GRINS

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #8
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BIG BEAR ENTERS
 WANDERING SPIRIT ENTER.

Wanspirit I am Wandering Spirit.
 Warrior of the Cree Nation.
 I have killed thirteen men.
 But none in the last five years.
 Because of this man.
 But I say to this man, more buffalo and less
 White Men and this is a better world.

Big Bear Listen the grasshoppers are singing.

CROZIER AND SERGEANT PRESTON ENTER

Crozier You must be Big Bear.

Big Bear No, I am Hungry Bear

Crozier All right Big Bear, you've made your point.

Big Bear Point.

Crozier This is a present from Queen Victoria

Big Bear What is it.

Crozier It's a treaty.

Big Bear Why do I feel a rope around my neck.

WanSpirit We have many grievances.
When the women are hungry and the children cry,
men turn into rattlesnakes.
Remember that, white dog.

Big Bear I am surrounded by rattlers, always rattling.
They have their reasons

Crozier Sign this treaty.

Big Bear Not as long as there are buffalo.

WanSpirit That is what we call shaganappi.
Get it way from us.
When we want to catch a fox,
we set a trap and scatter meat
all around the trap.
Then we knock the fox on the head.

Crozier What the hell does that mean.

Big Bear Let me make it simple. We want no bait.
If your chief wants this land so much then he
should come here like a man and ask for it.
This is our land.
It isn't a piece of pemmican to be cut off
and given in little pieces back to us.
It is our mother.

Crozier You two are bad Indians.

WanSpirit Agh.

Big Bear No point talking to you.

Crozier Sergeant Preston.

CROZIER AND PRESTON EXIT

WanSpirit What a pair of demons.
I would like to kill them.
And make this world a better world.

Big Bear Listen, the grasshoppers are singing.

BIG BEAR AND WANDERING SPIRIT LISTEN TO THE SOUND
OF THE GRASSHOPPERS

WanSpirit Your life is the buffalo hunt.
Your life is the buffalo hunt,

Big Bear Yes, but listen closely.
They are singing,
For as long as the Buffalo
last you will not sign that treaty,
for as long as the Buffalo last.
you will not sign that treaty.

WanSpirit Yes.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PAYING AREA Sc #9
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

DUMONT AND LEPINE ENTER HOLDING THE METIS FLAG

Dumont There it is.
One day this will be the flag of the Metis
Republic of Saskatchewan.

Lepine God willing.

Dumont No Lepine, man willing.

Lepine If you say so.

Dumont Yes I say so.
Now I am going to explain what this flag means.

LEPINE GROANS

Dumont Do you know what these two buffalo heads
represent.

Lepine No.

Dumont Lepine.
They represent our way of life.

Lepine Thats right, our way of life.

Dumont And this Fleur de Lis.
Do you know what that represents.

Lepine Our French heritage.

Dumont Thats right.

Lepine Thats right.

NOISES OFFSTAGE

ISIDORE ENTERS

Isidore Gabriel, Gabriel

Gabriel What's the matter little brother.

Isidore Me and Sweet Marie were minding our own
business and the Wolfers and the Whiskey Traders

grabbed Sweet Marie and put her on the ground
and held her down.

Gabriel There are women present.
 You don't have to draw me a picture.

Isidore And then they dragged her to their camp.
 She was kicking and screaming.

Gabriel And what did you do when they did this.

Isidore I fought them.
 But they were too big and too mean
 and they beat me, and kicked me
 and laughed at me, and I came running to you.

Gabriel One day boy, you're going to be a man.
 Hey Lepine, give me Lucille.

LEPINE GIVES RIFLE TO DUMONT

Gabriel Oh Lucille will sing tonight.

Isidore Be careful Gabriel.
 They're big..... mean..... tough guys.

Gabriel Isidore, look at my face.

ISIDORE LOOKS AT DUMONT AND GRIMACES

Gabriel These are my kind of guys.
 The bigger, the meaner,
 the tougher.....the better.

Lepine Thats right.

LEPINE EXITS

Dumont Now boy, show me where they are.

Isidore This way.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PAYING AREA Sc #10

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE WOLFER/WHISKEY TRADER'S CAMP
WOLFER ENTERS HOLDING MARIE'S JAR OF HONEY

Wolfer And when you're finished with her.
I want my turn.

IN ANOTHER PAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

ISIDORE ENTERS

Isidore That's one of them.

WOLFER TURNS TO ISIDORE
DUMONT ENTERS FROM BEHIND THE WOLFER HOLDING A KNIFE
DUMONT CUTS THE WOLFER'S THROAT
WOLFER SCREAMS AND DROPS THE JAR OF HONEY
ISIDORE PICKS UP THE JAR
DUMONT MAKES A GESTURE TO KEEP ISIDORE QUIET
WHISKEY TRADER ENTERS

WhiskTrad Oh sweet Jesus, that was good.
What the hell-

DUMONT KNOCKS WHISKEY TRADER TO THE GROUND
MARIE ENTERS

Marie Oh Gabriel, Gabriel.
Thank God you're here.

Isidore Oh sweet Marie

Marie Look what he did to me.
That filthy pig put his big dirty greasy fingers
all over my body.
Oh Gabriel, I am sweet no more.

Dumont Isidore, give me Marie's jar of honey.

ISIDORE GIVES DUMONT THE JAR OF HONEY
ISIDORE AIMS HIS RIFLE AT THE WHISKEY TRADER

Dumont You know what we're going to do with this.

WhiskTrad No.

Dumont We're going to strip you,
and stake you out on an ant hill
and swab you down with this.

WhiskTrad No.

Dumont And put some extra dabs in special places.
And let the ants feast.

WhiskTrad Oh please don't.

Dumont Oh please don't.
You are a disgrace.
And you are going to leave this world in a
disgraceful manner.
In the jaws of insects.
Isidore hold him down.

WhiskTrad Oh no.

Dumont Oh yes.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #11
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SURVEYOR ENTERS WITH SURVEYOR CHAINS

Surveyor I am the Rod Man.
 Balls, beep and boot. Burn One
 Now, over to the left.

LEPINE ENTERS

Lepine Here we go again. Surveyors.
 This is just like Red River all over again.
 We need someone who can read and write,
 speak and think. We need Louis Riel.

LEPINE EXITS

Surveyor Top, trip and turn. Burn one.
 Now, the right.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #12
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

ISIDORE AND MARIE ENTER
ISIDORE HOLDS UP JAR OF HONEY

Isidore Something sweet for Sweet Marie.

MARIE REFUSES THE JAR OF HONEY
DUMONT ENTERS HOLDING FRESH MEAT

Dumont You over there, because you are old and sick,
 and you, because you are a widow.....Look

DUMONT HOLDS UP THE MEAT

Dumont Fresh meat

Marie You're a bloody saint.

Dumont Just doing what I'm supposed to do

Marie God bless you Gabriel, God bless you.

DUMONT GIVES THE MEAT TO MARIE

Dumont And make sure the cripples get some too.

Isidore Gabriel, I'm going to marry sweet Marie.

Dumont You're going to make this woman an honest
mother. You're doing the right thing, boy.
On your way to becoming a man. A real man.

Isidore Yes.

Dumont Sour Marie will be sweet again.

Marie No I won't.

Isidore What happened that day, you'll get over it.

Marie No I won't.

LEPINE ENTERS

Lepine Gabriel, the surveyors are here.
They want to take our land.
What should we do.

Dumont We should shoot them

You all came from the Red River fourteen years ago. The same story.

Lepine That's right.
Lepine We send our petitions to the government,
Lepine We may as well throw them in the river.

Dumont What can we do.

Lepine We need Riel.

Dumont That's right.
Dumont Where is he?

Marie He is teaching school at Peter's Mission,

Isidore On the Sun River ,

Lepine In Montana.

Dumont I will go and get him.
Dumont Isidore, you guard the homestead.

Isidore That's right.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #13
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel As with the maid, so with the mistress.
Riel As with the cow, so with the bull.

DUMONT ENTERS

Dumont Is your name Louis Riel.

Riel And who is asking, Monsieur.

Dumont My name is Gabriel Dumont

Riel Gabriel.
 A Messenger of God,
 The angel of resurrection,
 The voice of God himself has come to visit me.
 The angel of life is here before me.
 Oh Gabriel, I am happy to meet you.

Dumont And I am happy to meet you.
 I have come on a mission.

Riel Mission

Dumont I have come on a mission from my people,
 your people in the Saskatchewan

Riel My people.
 I am returned to my kingdom.
 I am redeemed.

Dumont Yes

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #14
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BIG BEAR ENTERS

Big Bear All I want is peace.
 They want to give me piece all right.
 A piece of land, just big enough to sit on,
 and then I'm not supposed to move,
 and then they want to shove a piece of pig in my
 face and say "Eat".
 I have spent my entire life wandering this land.

I have spent my entire life eating buffalo,
and now I am supposed to eat pig.
I don't think so.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #14A
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BIG BEAR ENTERS

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

WANDERING SPIRIT ENTERS

MOANS AND GROANS: SYMPHONY OF MISERY
V.O. #1 I am starving, help me.

WanSpirit Listen to your people.
We have to sign. We have no choice.

BLACKOUT
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

CROZIER ENTERS HOLDING TREATY #6

Crozier Sign this treaty and you will be given
land and rations.
Food. You'll be given food.

BLACKOUT
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

WANERING SPIRIT ENTERS

WanSpirit Listen to your people.

We have no choice.

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

CROZIER ENTERS

Crozier Listen to them.

WanSpirit The women and children.

Big Bear If we sign this treaty we will regret it forever.

WanSpirit If we don't sign this treaty we will die of starvation
The buffalo are gone.

Crozier The horses are gone.

WanSpirit The food is gone.

Big Bear And now we are gone.

CROZIER HOLDS UP THE TREATY AND A PEN
BIG BEAR SIGNS THE TREATY

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #14B
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND SMITH ENTER
MACDONALD HOLDS UP TREATY #6

Macdonald Look Smith, Big Bear finally signed it.
Now we can fork over all the Indian lands
to the CPR.

Smith Aye.

Macdonald What's the matter Smith.
Are you realizing the true nature of your
immortal soul and whats going to happen
to it when you die.

Smith No.
I just had a thought.
Someone, somewhere, right now, is happy.
Its not right.

Macdonald You're going to hell, Smith.

MACDONALD GIVES SMITH TREATY #6

Smith So are you John A.
We're going together.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #15
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

DUMONT, LEPINE, MARIE AND ISIDORE ENTER

Lep/Isid Riel, Riel, Riel. We want Riel.

RIEL ENTERS

Dumont Look who's here.
Look who's here.
Now the Government of Canada will have
to recognize our existence.
Now they can not avoid it.

THEY ALL KNEEL

Lep/Isid Riel, Riel, Riel

Marie On behalf of all the people, I welcome

you to Batoche.
 You are like an angel that God has sent
 to earth to help his people.

Riel Yes.....I am.....Thank you.
 I remember you all from the Red River.
 Red River.
 We will petition pharaoh,
 I mean the Canadian Government,
 with our grievances.
 And seek justice from the unjust.

Lep/Isid Riel, Riel, Riel.

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #16
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND SMITH ENTER
 SMITH HOLDS A BUCKET

Smith Riel is back.

Macdonald I'm trying to sober up.
 Do you mind.

Smith He is in Saskatchewan organizing the Metis

Macdonald Riel is a poor man.
 A poor man can be bought cheaply.
 I'll offer him three thousand dollars.
 Lets see if he takes it.

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #17
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL, AND FATHER ANDRE ENTER

ANDRE HOLDS UP A WAD OF MONEY

Riel Ah Father Andre, the good priest of Batoche.

Andre Look Louis, money.....money...money

Riel I have seen you in my dreams.
You are a demon.

Andre Look Louis, money.
Enough money to go back
to Montana and live a quiet life.

Riel I will not sell out my people for pieces of silver.
I am not a Judas.
You priest, are a Judas.
Worse. A Judas goat.

Andre Look Louis, money.

Riel You are a devil sent to tempt me.

Andre 3000 dollars, Louis, 3000 dollars.

Riel Three thousand dollars is a lot of money.
But I don't accept bribes,
even if it comes from the Prime Minister.

DUMONT AND LEPINE ENTER

Riel I denounce this government as thieves and liars.
I want you to sign this oath.

RIEL HOLDS UP A PETITION

Riel It reads ` We pledge ourselves to do everything we
can do to save our souls by living a holy life and to
save our country from a wicked government'.

That is your name. Put your mark there.

DUMONT PUTS HIS MARK ON THE PAPER

Lepine Which is my name.

Dumont I don't know. That one.

Lepine How do you know.

Dumont I don't know.

Riel It is that one.

LEPINE PUTS HIS MARK ON THE PAPER

Dumont Thats right.

Lepine Thats right.

Riel Thats right.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #18

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

DELANEY AND QUINN ENTER

DELANEY DRINKS FROM A MEDICINAL BOTTLE

Quinn Indians killed my father and I married one.
I can't figure it out either. But I did.

Delaney Now I know why you're so hateful.

Quinn Life is strange.

Delaney And the older you get, the stranger it gets.

Quinn You still drinking that snake oil.

Delaney My body is covered in boils and open sores,
and painful pus filled ulcers.
This is ninety percent alcohol
Drink this, no pain.
Believe me, no pain.

WANDERING SPIRIT AND BIG BEAR ENTER

Delaney All you Indians at Frog Lake, look at me.
I am John Delaney, the farming instructor.

Quinn And I'm Thomas Quinn, the Indian Agent.

Big Bear I have come for my food.

Quinn No Work No Rations.
Now Pay attention.

DELANEY HOLDS UP A SHOVEL

Delaney This is a shovel.

Big Bear My people are starving,
When the government took our land
they said my people would be provided for.

Delaney This is how you use a shovel.
Like this, and then you do this.
And then you can plant your peas and potatoes

Big Bear Give us back the prairies
and we will not ask for food

Quinn If you're hungry you should learn to eat grass.

Delaney Now lets see you do it.

WanSpirit I hate this. I was a great warrior,

and a great buffalo hunter,
and an outstanding horse thief.

Quinn Go on graze.

WanSpirit What more was there to life.
And now I do this. Dig, dig, dig.

Big Bear I am hungry

Delaney No work, no rations.

Big Bear That's all they ever say.
No work, no rations.
I am getting thinner and you are getting fatter

WanSpirit Why

Delaney Foot on shovel and push.
You impudent lazy Indian

WanSpirit That's it.

WANDERING SPIRIT HITS DELANEY'S BELLY WITH THE SHOVEL

Wan Spirit Now the face

Big Bear No.

WANDERING SPIRIT HITS DELANEY'S FACE WITH THE SHOVEL

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #19
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS HOLDING A BILL OF RIGHTS

Riel Here now are our Revolutionary Bill of Rights

DUMONT ENTERS HOLDING A RIFLE

Dumont Thats right.

Riel One: that the half breeds of the Saskatchewan
be given land grants.

Dumont Thats right.

Riel Two: that Saskatchewan be organized with a
legislature of its own.

Dumont Thats right.

Riel Three: that representation by population shall be
the supreme principle

Dumont Thats right.

Riel Four: that the government be administered for the
benefit of the actual settlers who live here and not
for the alien speculator.

Dumont Thats right.

Riel Five: that better provision be made for the Indians

Dumont Thats right.

Riel Six:

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA

SC #20

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BIG BEAR AND WANDERING SPIRIT ENTER

Big Bear If we can create one large reserve
 out of all the reserves.

WanSpirit I hate all the white dogs.

CROZIER AND DELANEY ENTER

WanSpirit But these ones, The Mounties, I hate them
 even more than it is possible to hate.

Delaney That is the man.
 He hit me in the face with a shovel.

WanSpirit Next time it won't be the face, White Dog.

Crozier Go stand over there.

DELANEY EXITS

Crozier You are under arrest for assaulting a white man

Big Bear The NorthWest Mounted Police,
 all they do is starve us to death,
 beat us up, and name forts after themselves.

WanSpirit I hate the police.

Crozier Come with me. I am going to put you in jail.

WanSpirit White dog.

Big Bear If I had my choice.
 One big reserve, one big reserve.

CROZIER POINTS A REVOLVER AT WANDERING SPIRIT

WanSpirit White dog.

Crozier This way.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #21
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND SMITH ENTER

Macdonald What's the matter, Smith?
Not making your fast bucks fast enough

Smith Labour costs are out of control.
A dollar a day is not enough they say.

Macdonald I can get you all the cheap labour you want.

Smith Who would work for less than a dollar a day.

Macdonald The Chinese.
Seventy-five cents a head.
Move `em in, move `em out.

Smith But they're heathens and they're lazy.

Macdonald They may be heathens but they're not lazy.
If they can build the Great Wall of China.
They can build the railroad.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #22
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BIG BEAR ENTERS SMOKING HIS PIPE
WANDERING SPIRIT ENTERS HOLDING A SPEAR

Big Bear Oh Wandering Spirit, you are back.
How was jail?

WanSpirit I hate the whiteman more than
it is possible to hate

V.O. Coolies over here.

Big Bear Sssssh. The White Man

THE SURVEYOR ENTERS

Surveyor Coolies over here.
We're going to put this railway right through
that teepee.
And then a big Iron Horse is going to come
whipping down this track

Big Bear Iron Monster you mean.

Surveyor Right through that teepee.

Big Bear I know you have no brains, but you do have ears.

Surveyor Whatever you say is going to go in this ear
and out this one.

Big Bear Then go like a breeding buffalo.

WanSpirit NOW.

WANDERING SPIRIT THREATENS THE SURVEYOR WITH A SPEAR WANDERING SPIRIT AND THE SURVEYOR EXIT

Big Bear I hate the government.
But I hate the CPR even more.
We don't ride on the railroad.
The railroad rides on us.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA

SC #23

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND SMITH ENTER

Smith We need another twenty million dollars

Macdonald If I give the CPR another twenty million dollars,
I am going to have to make some budget
reductions

Smith A man's got to do what a man's got to do.

Macdonald We'll start with my portfolio.

Smith Why not.

Macdonald The Indian affairs budget.
I'll cut it in half from three hundred thousand
dollars to -

Smith Zero.

Macdonald To one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Smith very good, more cuts.

Macdonald I can't think of any, but we'll start with that one.

Smith very good, more cuts.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA

SC #24

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL, DUMONT, BIG BEAR AND WANDERING SPIRIT ENTER
WANDERING SPIRIT GIVES RIEL HOLDS TREATY #6

Riel You deserve better.

This Treaty is a disgrace.

RIEL JUMPS UP AND DOWN ON TREATY #6

Riel Join with me, in a united front, and we will drive the Canadians from this land and then negotiate our rights with the Canadian Government.
They pay no attention to our petitions.
Force of arms will make them listen.
Join me.

Big Bear I will think about it.

Riel By combining together,
we have everything to gain.

Big Bear And everything to lose.
We will speak again, but not now.
I am going to smoke my pipe.

Riel God wills it. So be it.
Come Gabriel, we will make the revolution without them.

RIEL AND DUMONT EXIT

WanSpirit What he says is good.

Big Bear But better, is if we have all the leaders of all the people, speaking with One voice.
We must have consultations with our Brethren.
The words in these Treaties mean something, or they do not.

WanSpirit We know these words mean nothing.

Big Bear Now I am going to smoke my pipe.

- WanSpirit Well put this in your pipe and smoke it.
Your people are starving.
The white dogs are no good.
We should rise up and wipe them out.
- Big Bear And if that solved the problem we would do it.
But if we do that, you know what they will do.
They will send more white men
and kill all the women and children.
You know they will do that.
The Government is starving us to death in order to
provoke us into rebellion so they can kill us.
- WanSpirit I don't understand.
Why has the Great Spirit forsaken us.
- Big Bear There is a reason for everything.
We must learn the ways of the Whiteman.
Learn to farm how he farms and then we can
survive. Why the Great Spirit wants us to do
that I have no idea, but.....

BIG BEAR SMOKES HIS PIPE

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #25
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

PARLIAMENT
SPEAKER, MACDONALD AND EDWARD BLAKE ENTER

- Speaker Order, order.
- Blake Mister Speaker, Mister Speaker
- Speaker The House recognizes the Leader of the
Opposition, Edward Blake.

Blake The Prime Minister continues to build his monument to infamy.
 It will be a snowy day in July when the CPR gets another penny from this House.
 The CPR is a fiasco.
 It is the story of corruption, bribes, gifts. Gifts. Gifts of money, gifts of land.
 And loans. The loans. I hate the loans. Interest free loans, non-repayable loans. The loans are so crooked.
 The Government says to Donald Smith " we will give you everything and half as much again and then you will own it. We will make you landlord of the NorthWest".All I ask is justice, or I will become against my better nature, permanently irritable.

Macdonald This is hog shearing Mister Blake.

Blake Lots of crying but no wool.

Macdonald Correct, Mister Blake.

Blake Then I say to the Government:God damn the CPR.

Speaker Order, order.

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #26
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

FATHER ANDRE ENTERS HOLDING HIS CRUCIFIX

Andre It is a small thing to make men weary.
 Andre But a great thing to make God weary.
 Oh Lord, give ear and hear my prayer.
 I am your shepherd guiding your flock at Batoche.

But Monsieur Riel is leading them astray.
 He is a wolf in sheep's clothing.
 I try to warn them, I chirp and mutter, fret and
 curse, but it is all for nought.
 Woe unto me.
 I see darkness and distress.
 I have serious misgivings.

RIEL, DUMONT AND LEPINE ENTER

Riel I want your permission to give a mass
 in your church for my brethren.

Andre Permission is refused.

Riel Then no permission is needed.

Andre I protest.

Riel You are such a protestant.

Andre How dare you say that to me.

Riel I want all priests put under surveillance.
 Especially him.
 He is like a gargoye sitting on a lettuce leaf.

Dumont Yes he is.

Riel The priests are all in league with the devil.
 They have formed their own confederation.
 Therefore we will form a provisional government.
 We will call the government the.....

Dumont Government.
 Lepine Government.

Riel Non.

We will call it the Exovedate

Andre Heretic. You will be excommunicated for this.

Riel You.....excommunicate me.
No priest.
I excommunicate you.

RIEL TAKES FATHER ANDRE'S CRUCIFIX FROM HIM

Riel The Exovedate.
From out of the flock comes the shepherd.
And I am he as you are me and we will be
a theocracy.
We must organize, organize, organize.

Dum/Lep Thats right.

Riel And then agitate, agitate, agitate.

Dum/Lep Thats right.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #27
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND SMITH ENTER

Smith The CPR is bankrupt.

Macdonald Again

Smith We need another sixty million dollars

Macdonald I just got you twenty.

Smith We need sixty more.

- Macdonald What are you doing with it.
- Smith Building the CPR is a nightmare.
We have three crews working simultaneously
The Prairies thats the easy one.
We're laying five miles of track a day.
But going around Lake Superior is a disaster.
The Muskeg swallows everything.
Track, engines, box cars all of it.
We build it again, it swallows it again.
And the Rocky Mountains.
Oh the Rocky Mountains.
Building wooden bridges and blasting tunnels
through mountainsto make a long story
short.....we need sixty more.
- Macdonald Can't get it
- Smith You have to.
- Macdonald Blake is leading a filibuster against the CPR
- Smith We get money from the government
or its off to the penitentiary.
- Macdonald Can't be done.
- Smith If we go into bankruptcy we will have to auction
off everything, equipment, engines, steel, land,
and forfeit everything we have invested.
- Macdonald What are we going to do.
- Smith Think
- Macdonald We need a miracle.

SMITH SNORTS

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #28
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL, DUMONT, LEPINE AND ISIDORE ENTER

Riel We will now form a committee to gather supplies.
Lepine get the food, ammunition, guns. NOW

LEPINE EXITS
FATHER ANDRE ENTERS

Andre Absolution will be denied to those who take up
arms against the Government.

Riel If the Church of Rome abandons the Metis
in their struggle for Justice, then the Metis
will abandon the church.

Andre Anti-Christ.

Riel We are going to strike a blow and regain
possession of this country which has been stolen
from us and misruled by the Canadian
Government.
There will be a new government in the North West
territories. A God fearing government.

Andre Heretic.

Riel Our government will not be like the one in Ottawa.
Fat slob smoking cigars, lounging around reading
rooms. To hell with them.

Andre Anti-Christ.

Riel The time has come when I am to be ruler of this

country or perish in the attempt.

Andre Anti-Christ.

Riel No, priest.
 You are the anti-christ.
 You are one of Satan's bastards and you will
 die in hell with your infernal father.
 Metis.
 People of the Saskatchewan.
 Choose between me or the priests.
 Justice commands us to take up arms.
 You know what we want.
 It is blood, blood, blood.
 It is war.
 Monsieur Dumont,
 you will be the General of the Metis Army.

Dumont This is a great honour.

Riel The Metis are the chosen people
 with a sacred destiny
 You are the Israelites of the Saskatchewan.
 And I am your prophet.

Dumont Riel, Riel, Riel
 Isidore Riel, Riel, Riel

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #29
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

CROZIER ENTERS HOLDING A TELEGRAMME

Crozier Gentlemen, of the North West Mounted Police.

MOUNTIES #1 & #2 ENTER

Mounties Sir.

Crozier Riel is vowing a war of extermination, and is intending to drive everybody who is against him out of the country.
Gentlemen.
We are going to mobilize our forces against Riel and the half breed and march on Duck Lake.
Let us do our duty.
God save the Queen.

Mounties God save the queen.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #30
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

DUMONT AND ISIDORE HOLDING THE JAR OF HONEY ENTER
ISIDORE EATS FROM THE JAR

Dumont Before the battle. See the victory.
See them dead. Then see it.

Isidore Yeah, see it, thats right

Dumont The key to victory is knowing when to fight,
and knowing when not to.
Are you listening to me.

Isidore Yeah.

Dumont You don't look like you're listening to me.

Isidore I'm listening to you.

Dumont We will do what they don't think we'll do
when they don't think we'll do it.

And when we kill them, we'll shout Surprise.
Do you get it.

Isidore Got it.

Dumont Why don't I believe you.
Tell me what I just told you

Isidore What.

Crozier V.O. This way men

Dumont Look. The North West Mounted Police.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #31
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SOUND: DUCKS QUACKING

A TRADER ENTERS

Trader I'm a trader at Duck Lake,
Duck Lake, Duck Lake.
I trade my goods,
I wear my hoods,
I'm a trader at Duck Lake,
Duck Lake, Duck Lake

RIEL AND LEPINE ENTER
RIEL HOLDS A CRUCIFIX

Lepine This is the hardware store at Duck Lake

Riel Who is boss here

Trader I am

Riel Non monsieur. I am.
 Take the guns.
 Riel wants materiel.

Lepine Funny, eh.

Trader If you say so.

LEPINE POINTS HIS RIFLE AT THE TRADER

Lepine I don't like your face.
 Come with me.

LEPINE AND TRADER EXIT

RIEL TURNS TO HIS CRUCIFIX AND GOES INTO A TRANCE

Riel Don't worry.
 If we succeed in our rebellion
 we will pay for the guns.
 If we do not succeed, the government of Canada
 will pay for them.

DUMONT AND ISIDORE ENTER

Dumont Ah Prophet, awake and sing.
 The Mounted Police have been seen
 approaching Duck Lake.

Riel Stop them, stop them.

Dumont The Canadians are coming with guns.
 You know what they are like.
 They are big mean tough guys.....

Isidore And we're going to kill `em all.

Dumont Thats right.

Isidore That's right.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #32
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MOUNTIE #1 AND #2 ENTER

Mountie #1 There's Duck Lake.
 I can see it clearly.
 Nice wide open space.

CROZIER ENTERS GRIMACING AND SMILING,
MUMBLING AND GRUMBLING TO HIMSELF

Crozier Big open space, open space, big open space.

Mountie #2 Is our Commander speaking Cree.

Mountie #1 No. He's completely barmy.

CROZIER STARTS MOVING IN A JERKY SPASMODIC MANNER

Mountie #2 Look, now he's got Saint Vitus dance.

THE MOUNTIES START MOVING IN A JERKY SPASMODIC MANNER

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA Sc #32A
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS HOLDING A CRUCIFIX

Riel Oh Lord, please get angry with the Mounted Police
 Give them hemorrhoids.

Riel They deserve it.
 Oh get angry with them.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA Sc #32B
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

ISIDORE AND MARIE ENTER

Marie The only good Whiteman is a dead Whiteman

Isidore I know.

Crozier VO Look, Metis.

DUMONT ENTERS HOLDING A WHITE FLAG

Dumont Who will you carry this flag of truce
and parley with the police.

Isidore Me. Give it to me.

Dumont Are you sure you can handle it, boy?

Isidore Give.

DUMONT GIVES THE WHITE FLAG TO MARIE
MARIE THEN GIVES IT TO ISIDORE

Marie Oh Isadore.

Dumont Now there is a man.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA Sc #32C
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

ISIDORE HOLDING THE WHITE FLAG TAKES A STEP FORWARD

Isidore Look it is me. I am holding a white flag.
I come to parley.

Look it is me. I am holding a white flag.
I come to parley.

CROZIER AND MOUNTIES #1 AND #2 ENTER
MOUNTIE #1 SHOOTS ISIDORE

Crozier Good work. You'll get a medal for that.

DUMONT AND MARIE ENTER

Dumont The bastards.....They shot him.
My brother.

RIEL ENTERS HOLDING UP THE CRUCIFIX

Riel In the name of the son, the father,
and the holy ghost, reply to that.
Fire.

DUMONT SHOOTS MOUNTIE #1
MOUNTIE #1 EXITS

Crozier They're picking us off like flies. Like flies.

Marie There's one that looks like he is only
eighteen years old.

DUMONT FIRES HIS RIFLE
MOUNTIE #2 IS SHOT

Dumont He won't be nineteen.

Crozier Go die over there.

MOUNTIE #2 EXITS

Marie And look, over there,
there's one eight hundred yards away

DUMONT FIRES HIS RIFLE
OFFSTAGE: SHRIEK

Dumont Should have been nine hundred.

Crozier They're picking us off like flies.
Like flies. Baznork. Retreat, retreat.

CROZIER EXITS

Dumont Now we will slaughter them like buffalo.

Riel No, stop, stop.
For the love of God, kill no more.

Dumont But my brother has been killed.

Riel I will pray for his resurrection.
On your knees and give thanks.

DUMONT AND MARIE FALL TO THEIR KNEES

Riel Our father

Dumont Our father.
Marie Our father.

Riel Who art in heaven

Dumont Who art in heaven
Marie Who art in heaven

Riel Hallowed be thy name

Dumont Hallowed be thy name
Marie Hallowed be thy name

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #33
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD ENTERS

Macdonald Oblivionville is my kind of town,
 my kind of town.

SMITH ENTERS

Smith The CPR is bankrupt

Macdonald I know what it's like to be dead.

Smith We need another sixty million

Macdonald Can't be done.

Smith Everything I have worked for,
 Schemed for, stolen, purloined
 Is going to be lost.

Macdonald There, there.

Smith My bank, my businesses, my mansions
 I will be a pauper.

Macdonald Oblivionville is my kind of town,
 my kind of town.

Smith This is a disaster.

Macdonald This is the end, beautiful friend.
 The end.

Macdonald Public funds lost, debts unpaid,
 The promises to British Columbia
 broken, a continent lost.

Only an act of God can save us

Smith If the CPR falls today,
the government of Canada falls tomorrow

Macdonald Oblivionville is my kind of town,
my kind of town.

Smith The Sheriff is going to come knocking
on my door and put me in jail.

Macdonald Oh you poor little baby. Come here.

MACDONALD HITS SMITH ON THE BACK

Macdonald Burp baby burp. C'mon burp.

Smith I am facing financial ruin.

Macdonald Burp.

Smith I will be reduced to living in a shack.

Macdonald Burp.

Smith A shack.

Macdonald You deserve better.

GALT ENTERS

Galt There have been shots fired at Duck Lake.

Macdonald A national emergency. A national emergency.
I know how we can get the money.

Macdonald I know how we can get the money.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #34
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel God has given us a great victory over
the Mounted Police at Duck Lake.
Rise up, children, rise up.
England must be destroyed.
France must be destroyed.
Yes France.
Canada must be destroyed.
Yes Canada.....especially Canada.
The Pope must be destroyed.
Yes, The pope.
I decree a new order.
A new dream.
I will give Quebec to the Prussians.
They deserve it.
They deserve each other.
The Irish can have Ontario,
if they want it.
The Hungarians and the Bavarians
can have British Columbia.
I will give the whole world a piece of the cake.
Read this.
I wrote it in buffalo blood, so it's important.
This is the Constitution of the Metis
Republic of Saskatchewan.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #35
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BIG BEAR AND WANDERING SPIRIT ENTER

WanSpirit And though our enemies be as powerful
as the sun, and as numerous as the stars.

We will defend our homes

Big Bear Now the whirlwind is unleashed.
The well of promises will become
a fountain of blood.

WanSpirit You are no longer the band leader.
I am.

Big Bear But I fear more for the captives at
the hands of young warriors.
For their destruction will be our destruction.
To defeat the Whiteman,
You must act like the white man.
You must be treacherous, deceitful, dishonest,
monstrous, vile, hateful.

WanSpirit I am now the Band Leader
We must be like the wolf.
The wolf that never sleeps.
My brothers, we are the makers
of our own fortune or misfortune.
We must kill the White Men without mercy
All of them. No mercy.
What mercy has the White Man shown us.
He has shown us the mercy of death.
I will show him the same mercy.
But before he dies, he will know my feeling.
I hate the White Man.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #36
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

DELANEY ENTERS

Delaney I am a settler.
All I want to do is live peaceably in my habitation.

I built this habitation from the ground up.
 These hands, Oh Lord, these hands work so hard.
 My little shack on the prairie.
 I love it so much.
 Home, my home.
 My little shack proves there's a place for me
 in this world. Good feeling.
 Makes me proud.
 Canadian, whatever the hell that is, I am.

QUINN ENTERS LOOKING AT THE EATON'S CATALOGUE

Quinn Look at the pair on this one.
 I'll stick her up my you know what later.

BAD ARROW ENTERS

Quinn Well look who it is.
 Its Bad Arrow

Bad Arrow That's right, white dog.

Quinn Do you want to smell the cork or what?
 April Fool Day today.

BadArrow Big Lie day.

THE SOUND OF A COYOTE

Bad Arrow Coyote.

Delaney Thats not a coyote

Quinn What's he saying.

Bad Arrow You don't want to know.....Oh coyote.

WANDERING SPIRIT ENTERS HOLDING A TOMAHAWK

Quinn The high and mighty himself.

Wan Spirit Round up the other white dogs.
You are our prisoners.
We are taking this food.

Quinn No work, no rations.

Wan Spirit No speak, no death.
You are known as the man who always says no.
Well I am going to hear you say yes.

Quinn No you're not. I'll take no shilley from an Indian.

Wan Spirit You are coming with us.

Quinn No, I'm not.

Wan Spirit Yes, you are.

Quinn No I'm not.

WANDERING SPIRIT STICKS TOMAHAWK IN QUINN'S HEAD

Wan Spirit KILL.
Kill all the white dogs.

BAD ARROW CUTS DELANEY'S THROAT WITH A KNIFE

BadArrow The priests too.

Wan Spirit Especially them.
And that one, stuff grass in his mouth.
Now on to Fort Pitt.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA

SC #37

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL AND ANDRE ENTER

Riel What do you think of that.

Andre These heresies may be acceptable to Protestants
but not to good God fearing Catholics.

Riel The Pope is completely corrupt.
Rotten to the core.

Andre And I repeat, these heresies may be acceptable to
Protestants, but not to good God fearing Catholics.

TRANCE MUSIC

Riel At Frog Lake, Wandering Spirit has risen up.
They have killed seven settlers and two priests.

TRANCE MUSIC ENDS

Riel Excellent, just excellent.
This is only the beginning, priest,
only the beginning

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #38
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

GENERAL FREDERICK MIDDLETON ENTERS

Middleton Success is a matter of marching.
When they see us, they will run.
These half breeds may kill me
but they do not scare me.
I remember when I was in India,
putting down the Mutiny of 1857.

Middleton Fighting the Thuggee.
 They were bastards. All of them.
 I enjoyed killing them.
 It gave me pleasure.
 I was twice recommended for the
 Victoria Cross. Twice.
 But was I awarded the Cross.
 Of course not.
 They don't give the Victoria Cross
 to men like me.
 I was retired on half pay and after
 begging on my knees for a commission,
 I was sent to Canada.
 The Siberia of the British Empire.
 The Ice box.

MACDONALD ENTERS HOLDING A WHISKEY BOTTLE

Macdonald Ah, General Frederick Middleton.

Middleton Prime Minister.
 If you have sent for me it must be serious.

Macdonald It is. How big is the Canadian Militia

Middleton Seven hundred and fifty Officers and Other Ranks.

Macdonald That's not very big.

Middleton No. But volunteers can make it big.
 Men in Toronto are jumping up and down,
 they can't wait to kill Riel, can't wait.

Macdonald What do you think of the Militia Commander
 in Winnipeg

Middleton Not worth meeting and beating with a stick.
 He likes to go on sprees.

Lost weekends with the bottle.

Macdonald That's terrible.

Middleton Exactly. He's not a soldier

Macdonald And the state of our armaments.

Middleton We have enough cannons but we need to buy Gatling Guns in order to kill these half-breeds and Indians in an effective and efficient manner

Macdonald Good.....do it.

MIDDLETON EXITS

MACDONALD TAKES A DRINK FROM THE BOTTLE

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #39

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

FORT PITT

WANDERING SPIRIT ENTERS

WanSpirit All you settlers in Fort Pitt.
Surrender or die.
Take your guns and things and go home.
No one will harm you.
Stay and you will die.
Do you hear what I say.
Surrender or Die.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA Sc #40

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL AND DUMONT ENTERS

Riel I see a cross.

Dumont Where.

Riel In the sky. In flames.....coming toward me.

Dumont How big is it.

Riel Big enough to crucify us all, Gabriel,
Big enough to crucify us all.

RIEL SMILES

Dumont Yes

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA Sc #41
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

FORT PITT

BIG BEAR ENTERS
WANDERING SPIRIT ENTERS

WanSpirit The settlers have all left Fort Pitt.
Take the supplies and eat.
And then burn Fort Pitt to the ground.

WANDERING SPIRIT STEPS FORWARD

Wan Spirit Now there will be feasting and dancing,
Singing and laughter to celebrate our Victory.
Listen to that Old Man. Your people are happy.

Big Bear But for how long

Wan Spirit We're going to party like its 1885.
Eat everything you can, enjoy yourselves.

Big Bear Tomorrow you die.

WanSpirit Quiet Old Man.

Big Bear Oh Wild child.
This victory is no victory.
We will lose the war of arms.
But with time, we could have won
the war of words

WanSpirit Old fool, I am tired of your voice.
Listen to your people.
They are happy.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA Sc #42
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MIDDLETON ENTERS

Middleton It took seven days to get here.
What what.
They say the last time it took seventy.
Thank God for the railroad
What what.

COLONEL ARTHUR WILLIAMS ENTERS

Williams Welcome to Winnipeg, General Middleton.
I am Colonel Arthur Williams.

Middleton Militia Colonel

Williams Colonel.

Middleton In India the local militia were called Sepoy.
Sepoy means soldier. But they were not soldiers.

They were Sepoy. A Hindi word.

Williams There are no Sepoy here.

Middleton So you say.

Williams We are good honest white men. Citizen soldiers.

Middleton Citizens pretending to be soldiers more like it.
Militia are militia.....Not professional,
Militia are good for guard duty, not fighting.

Williams Give us a chance.

Middleton No. Now, what to do, what to do.
I will lead the troops to Saskatchewan.
I will send an ex British Officer, Colonel Strange
to pursue Big Bear and Wandering Spirit.
And I will personally lead the troops in an attack
on Batoche. Not you.
You have to obey all my commands. All of them.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA Sc #44
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BAD ARROW ENTERS WEARING A SIGN AROUND HIS NECK THAT
READS FRENCHMAN'S BUTTE

Bad Arrow The soldiers are coming, The soldiers are coming.

WANDERING SPIRIT ENTERS

WanSpirit Come on, old man, I'm leading the way

BIG BEAR ENTERS

Bear The Canadian Army is after us.

I told you this would happen.

Bad Arrow The soldiers are coming, The soldiers are coming.

WanSpirit We will fight them off then go north to Loon Lake.
Follow me old fool.

Big Bear Lead on Wild child, lead on.

BIG BEAR AND WANDERING SPIRIT EXIT

Bad Arrow The soldiers are coming, The soldiers are coming.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #45

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

LEPINE ENTERS MILKING A COW

Lepine Don't worry, Babette, don't worry.
I know the gunfire stops you from giving milk.
But that will pass.

SOUND OF MILK SQUIRTING INTO A PAIL

Lepine There you go. You like that don't you.

RIEL ENTERS

Riel We will make Batoche the New Jerusalem
and sacrifice that Red Heifer to commemorate
the occasion.

Lepine Its not a heifer, its a cow.
And its not red, its brown.

Riel Its heifer enough and red enough for me.

Lepine But its not.
 Its a cow and it going to give birth to a calf.

Riel A calf.
 That is an important omen

DUMONT ENTERS

Dumont I Have seen the Canadian troops
 approaching Fish Creek.
 I want to ambush them.
 I want to shoot the invaders.

Riel Yes, shoot the invaders.
 Protect this holy land

Dumont Lepine, there is work to be done.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #46
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

THE BATTLE OF FISH CREEK
MIDDLETON AND WILLIAMS ENETR

Middleton My strategy is simple.
 Take Batoche. Kill Riel. And the rebellion is over.

Williams Good strategy. How do you plan to carry it out.
 What are the tactics.

Middleton When I have devised a plan of attack I will inform
 you of same.....but not until then.
 You take all your orders from me.

Middleton Follow me Lads.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #46A
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

Middleton VO Follow me Lads.

THREE SOLDIERS ENTER SHOUTING
DUMONT AND LEPINE ENTER

Dumont Lets get them.

DUMONT SHOOTS SOLDIER #1

Middleton Hell and damnation

DUMONT STABS SOLDIER #2

Middleton Death and disaster.

DUMONT STRANGLES SOLDIER #3

Middleton Retreat, retreat.

MIDDLETON AND WILLIAMS EXIT

Dumont To a great victory at Fish Creek.
 To a great victory at Fish Creek.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #46B
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS

Riel This is like a dream unfolding.
 I am Louis "David" Riel.
 Infallible pontiff and Priest king.
 The Holy See will be transferred
 from Rome to Saint Boniface.

Riel My hometown
 Oh you lucky Saint Bonifacians.
 Why do Manitobans have all the luck.
 As Priest-King the first thing I will do
 is destroy Ontario.
 Ontario is going up in flames, I can't wait.
 I can't wait.

DUMONT ENTERS

Dumont Oh Priest-King of the Metis nation,
 may I speak.

Riel Speak.

Dumont The red cow is giving birth to a calf.

Riel Ah, the omen.
 This new born calf will represent the destiny
 of the Metis nation.
 Take me there.
 Now.

Dumont This way, great one.

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #47
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

COLONEL WILLIAMS AND SOLDIERS #4 & #5 ENTER

Williams Fish Creek. What a disaster

MIDDLETON ENTERS

Middleton Stand easy.
 Colonel, what is the problem.

Colonel V.O. I don't know how to saddle my horse.

Soldier #4 Listen to that.

Middleton Learn.

Soldier #5 Said the pot to the kettle.

Middleton Men, we are going to attack.
Get into your ox carts and on to Batoche.

Williams Not the ox carts.
We should do a quick march.
Speed and surprise will give victory to the wise.

Middleton Very well but I will lead the march, not you
On to Batoche.

Soldiers On to Batoche.
Williams On to Batoche.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #48
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

DUMONT AND LEPINE ENTER
THEY LOOK OFFSTAGE AND SCREAM, GASP AND GRIMACE

RIEL ENTERS

Riel What's all that shouting.

Dumont The cow has given birth to the calf.

Riel This is an important omen.
Describe the calf to me.

Dumont It is beautiful to the eye.

Riel Yes, tell me more.

Dumont Its shape and colour are perfect.

Riel Yes

Dumont But there is one defect.

Riel I knew it, what is it.

Dumont Its testicles are coming out its ears.

Riel I knew it, I knew it.
Not a good sign, not a good sign.

Lepine That is one of the worst signs

Dumont Quiet.
The Prophet is about to speak.
Speak Prophet.

Riel Begone you fornicators

DUMONT AND LEPINE EXIT

Riel Batoche, Oh Batoche.
Because you have abandoned God.
God abandons you.

THE SOUND OF THUNDER

Riel Behold, the day of the lord cometh.
Cruel, full of wrath and anger
to make Batoche a desolation.
Babies will be dashed to pieces before your eyes,
your houses spoiled and your wives ravished.

Riel We shall be left to the ravenous birds and the
 beasts of the earth.
 Repent your sins or you will carry the burden of
 Babylon forever.

LEPINE GROANS
LEPINE AND DUMONT EXIT

Riel Oh you Metis, you apes, you angels,
 come gather `round me and pray.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #49
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MIDDLETON, WILLIAMS AND SOLDIERS #4, & #5 ENTER

Middleton Forward.

Williams We're always fighting with the sun in our eyes.
 With this general, always with the sun in our eyes.

DUMONT, LEPINE AND RIEL ENTER

Lepine You are a better shot than me.

Dumont Yes.

Lepine Kill.

LEPINE GIVES HIS RIFLE TO DUMONT
DUMONT SHOOTS SOLDIER #4

Dumont One less dog in this world.

Middleton We are going to retreat.

Williams Jesus, lets fire a few shots anyway.

Middleton I have never lost a battle.

Williams Never won one either.

Lepine Here, you are a better shot than me

LEPINE GIVES DUMONT HIS RIFLE
DUMONT SHOOTS SOLDIER #5

Middleton When the bullets go pugh, pugh, pugh.
 It is ridiculous to drop to one's feet.
 If you hear it, it means it missed you.
 Its the one you don't hear.
 That's the one that kills you.

SOLDIER #6 ENTERS
DUMONT SHOOTS HIS RIFLE

Middleton I heard it.

SOLDIER #6 IS SHOT AND DROPS TO THE GROUND

Middleton He didn't.
 Retreat, retreat.

Williams Oh God.

MIDDLETON AND WILLIAMS EXIT

Dumont They are retreating.

Riel Praise God, praise god.

Lepine Non, praise the Metis

RIEL LOOKS AT LEPINE

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #50
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MIDDLETON AND SOLDIER #8 ENTER

Middleton Now I'm going to write my report.
 The enemy of course, was soundly defeated.

WILLIAMS ENTERS

Williams That's why we retreated.

Middleton Now I am going to have lunch.
 Where's my bib.
 My bib. Where's my bib.

MIDDLETON EXITS

Williams The very model of a modern major general.

SOLDIER #9 ENTERS

Soldier #9 Where is General Teapot.

Soldier #8 He's pottering about somewhere.

Williams He was pottering about somewhere,
 But now he's wandered off somewhere.

Soldier #8 We don't now where he is.
 And we don't care.

Williams Listen, I think the Metis are out of ammunition.
 Lets charge them.
 To corned beef and glory.

Sold #8/#9 To corned beef and glory.

To corned beef and glory.

WILLIAMS AND THE SOLDIERS EXIT

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #51

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL, DUMONT AND LEPINE ENTER

Riel Batoche, Oh Batoche.
 Have you confessed your sins.

Lepine This is just like going to church,
 only seven days a week.
 I think he is touched in the head.

Dumont He talks to God all day.
 Can you do that.

Lepine No, but I can speak

Dumont Then shut up if thats all you can do

Dumont You should eat.

Riel No.
 When I sleep the angels feed me.

Soldier V.O. To corned beef and glory.
 To corned beef and glory.

Lepine The invaders are attacking

Riel Yes.
 I have seen the battle all ready.

Dumont And.....

Riel Christ is leading us to the cross.
 He wants to repay us for our labours.
 Batoche, Oh Batoche.
 Have you confessed your sins.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #52
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

WILLIAMS AND SOLDIERS #6 AND #7 ENTER
DUMONT AND LEPINE ENTER
HAND TO HAND COMBAT
LEPINE KNOCKS WILLIAMS TO THE GROUND
DUMONT KILLS SOLDIER #6
MIDDLETON ENTERS

Middleton What's all that shouting.

Williams The Great Am I himself is here.
 Just got up from his snooze.

Middleton What what what.

Williams Its all over but the roaring, General.

Middleton Who told them to attack.
 Why didn't they tell me.

SOLDIER #7 ENTERS

Soldier #7 Look, that house is full of furs.

Middleton Put them in my tent.

SOLDIER #7 EXITS

Middleton I want no looting.

Now, I am going to go on parade.

LEPINE ENTERS

Middleton You there, I am going to deprive you of
All your civil rights.

Lepine Thanks

Middleton You there.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #53
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL AND DUMONT ENTER

Dumont We are defeated.

Riel Yes.....I saw it all in a dream.
And now the dream is real

Dumont Nightmare you mean. We must leave.

Riel No. I want to mortify myself.
I'm not even going to sit comfortably
I'm going to sit like this.
Everything is pain and punishment now

Dumont Come, we must escape.

Riel No. I submit. I surrender.
God wills it. So be it.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA Sc #54
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

LOON LAKE
BIG BEAR AND WANDERING SPIRIT ENTER

Big Bear Now what.
 We are being chased by the Canadian Army.
 I told you this would happen.

WanSpirit I will not live as less than myself.
 Therefore I will kill myself.

Big Bear Spoken like a real leader

WanSpirit What should I do.

Big Bear Surrender. Come let us go find General Middlebum

Wan Spirit I am so filled with hate I am destroyed.

Big Bear Yes

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #55
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

WILLIAMS ENTERS

Williams When I first came out here, I was a finicky eater.
 But now, I will eat what no dog will touch.
 Just scoff your pork without a fork.
 Just bolt the vile stuff down.

MIDDLETON ENTERS

Middleton Batoche is ours

Williams Look, over there, Big Bear is surrendering.

Middleton I have not come to debate with a savage.

If he does not do as I say I will kill all the women and children in his village.

Williams Look its Riel.
He's surrendering.

Middleton Ah, the Head Muckamuck himself.
Ball and chain for that one, ball and chain.
This will get me a knighthood.
What, what.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #56
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

JUDGE ENTERS HOLDING A GAVEL
RIEL ENTERS

Judge Louis Riel, you stand charged on oath before me for maliciously and traitorously attempting to subvert and destroy the constitution and government of this realm contrary to the duty of your allegiance to our Lady the Queen, her crown and dignity.

Riel I protest.

V.O.#1 Quiet, you're insane.

Riel No I'm not.
Your Honour, I want to discuss the grievances of the Metis people against this government.

Judge You are on trial for high treason.
We are trying to decide if you led an armed Revolt against your sovereign.

Riel I did.

V.O. #1 Because he is insane.

Riel No. Because there are legitimate grievances against this government that would not be redressed unless-

V.O. #2 Your Honour, this man is on trial, not the Government of Canada.

Judge Exactly.

Riel The Government of Canada should be on trial.

Judge I think we will pass sentence.

Riel What kind of trial is this.

Judge Louis Riel

Riel What

Judge I find you guilty of high treason and Sentence you to be hanged by the neck until dead. May God have mercy on your soul.

Riel The same.

THE JUDGE BANGS HIS GAVEL

Judge Out, out.

RIEL EXITS

Judge Send in the Indians.

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

BIG BEAR ENTERS

Judge Big Bear

Big Bear All I wanted was to be as free as my namesake

Judge We're going to put you behind bars.

Big Bear I prefer that to the reserve

Judge Three years of hard labour.
All the rest of you Indians,
I sentence you all to death

Big Bear Somebody dig a big hole.

THE JUDGE BANGS HIS GAVEL

Judge Out, out.

THE LIGHTS FADE

IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA

SC #57

THE LIGHTS FADE IN

MACDONALD AND SMITH ENTER

Macdonald The French-Canadians want me to give Riel a
pardon

Smith He must hang
God works in strange ways, John A
The CPR should build a monument to
Louis Riel, a monument.

Macdonald With a scaffold on top.

Smith Orange Ontario demands that he hang.

Macdonald Weep no more, Ontario. You will get your blood.
 And though every dog in Quebec may bark,
 He'll hang, he'll hang.

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #58
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

RIEL ENTERS PRAYING
 FATHER ANDRE ENTERS MUMBLING THE LAST RITES

Andre Quidquid deliquisti.
 Quidquid deliquisti.
 I will anoint your eyes, ears, nose,
 lips and hands. Then I will anoint your loins
 Quidquid deliquisti. Quidquid deliquisti.

Riel Priest, no more yodeling.
 Though I am sentenced to death,
 the Government is in greater danger.
 It is a bad cause that asks for mercy.
 Those who die for a great cause, never fail.
 The prospect of eternity makes me smile

THE LIGHTS FADE
 IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #59
 THE LIGHTS FADE IN

DUMONT ENTERS

Dumont Louis Riel was a great man,
 and he did the right thing,
 only it didn't work out like it shoulda.
 They say life is a circus.
 If so, so be it.
 Therefore I'm going to join the circus.
 Hey Buffalo Bill, who did you kill, Buffalo Bill.

Same as it ever was. Same as it ever was.
Same as it ever was.

THE LIGHTS FADE
IN ANOTHER PLAYING AREA SC #60
THE LIGHTS FADE IN

SMITH ENTERS
MACDONALD, GALT AND TORY CRONY ENTER

Smith I will now hammer the last spike in
 the Canadian Pacific Railroad

SMITH HAMMERS THE LAST SPIKE

Others Missed.

SMITH HAMMERS THE LAST SPIKE AGAIN

Others Hurray

MACDONALD SMILES AND WINKS AT THE AUDIENCE

THE LIGHTS FADE